

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 00-08-14**

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For Work Week Commencing: August 14, 2000  
Business Meeting: August 14, 2000, 10:00 a.m.

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**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. 4-state letter to BPA concerning distribution of benefits in power or cash – Discuss signing letter (8/15/00)
2. Ronan Telephone Co – Nonsubmission of 1999 Annual Report – Direction (8/15/00)
3. D2000.5.64 – Interbel Telephone Cooperative, Inc. – Interbel ETC, Eureka and Rexford Exchanges – Discussion and action on discovery disputes (8/15/00)
4. NA (D97.11.223 former lifeline/linkup docket) Enhanced Lifeline support and expanded Link UP support to low income consumers on tribal lands – Discussion, direction and action on expanded lifeline and link (8/15/00)
5. To discuss and get clarification related to a decision the Commission made to waive 69-3-805(1)(e) (8/15/00)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action/Notice Item** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Quest Communications N2000.8.116 (Dave)

On August 4, 2000, Quest Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 00-31 to offer "Disaster/Emergency Program for Displaced Customers". Proposed for a 90-day period of time, July 28, 2000 through October 25, 2000, this program will wave charges for some telephone services when customers are evacuated from their homes due to fires. At this time customers have been evacuated in the following exchanges: Canyon Ferry, Boulder, Corvallis and Darby. This could change during the fire season and other areas would be added as conditions warrant.

There is a special group working the orders in this emergency situation. The number access this group is 1-877-388-6170.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

2. Qwest "Call Planner" Feature N2000.7.107 (Dave)

On July 27, 2000, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 00-25, "Introduce 'Call Planner' Feature". "Call Planner" is an optional feature that provides for call forwarding for Direct Inward Dialing (DID) numbers. The feature is designed for business customers to enable their employees who work away from the office to receive calls at a remote location. Employees can remotely forward their business calls to any location and they can forward the calls based on time of day or day of week.

3. Qwest Communications N2000.7.108 (Leroy)

On July 27, Qwest Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 00-26, "Reduction in Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) rates to align with increased Federal CALC rates." On July 1, 2000, the FCC increased the residential CALC rate by \$0.85 from \$3.50 to \$4.35. This proposed tariff reduces the rate for a TAP line by \$0.85 to effectively increase the Montana TAP to match to the new FCC level.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Central Montana Communications, Inc Docket N2000.8.115 (Scott)

On August 3, 2000, Central Montana Communications, Inc filed new service tariff proposing to offer Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line Service (ADSL) on a detariffed basis. Central Montana Communications also requested that a waiver of 38.5.2735(f) ARM the relevant incremental cost of providing the service due to the cost study for this service would be prohibitively expensive.

2. Qwest Communications N2000.8.114 (Leroy)

On August 3, Qwest Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 00-29, "Line Extension Charge" to revised the charge for extension of facilities when construction is required to provide customer's service. The per foot charge has not been revised since 1995.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 00-08-21**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N2000.8.114 – Qwest Communications – Tariff 00-29 Line Extension charge  
N2000.8.115 – Central Montana Communications – Tariff filing  
N2000.8.116 – Qwest Communications – Tariff 00-31 Disaster Emergency program for displaced customers